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The accompanying references relate generally to container closures, etc., generally known to the prior art.

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